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To: Idaho Sheriff's & Chief's of Police
Narcotic Officers, All Law Enforcement Officers (local, county, state, and federal)
Probation and Parole Officers
Prosecuting Attorneys

From: Mike Dickson, President – Idaho Narcotics Officers' Association (INOA)

Subject: **Narcotics, and K-9 training**

The date of the Idaho Narcotics Officers' Association (INOA) annual conference and training is fast approaching. This is a great opportunity for your agency to receive the latest training and information exchange related to narcotics investigations in our state.

We realize resources are limited and you may not have a “dedicated” narcotic officer. Please consider sending your detectives, or patrol officers.

Aside from the training, the contacts made with other officers is a valuable tool as we strive to arrest those criminals who move from one jurisdiction to another to avoid detection.

This cost of this training is an excellent value for the information received and contacts made.

We have scheduled the conference for June 19-21, 2012 at the Owyhee Plaza Hotel in Boise. Please see the attached flyer for details.

I'm looking forward to a great conference and appreciate your support. With all of us working together, we can make a difference on this war on drugs.

The following classes and instructors will be presented:

National Marijuana trends and update:

**Tommy C. LaNier - Director
National Marijuana Initiative**

Tommy has held the position of Director of the National Marijuana Initiative for the National High Intensity Drug Trafficking area program through the California Border Alliance Group, Southwest Border HIDTA, and San Diego, CA since his retirement in January of 2004. He retired from the USDA Forest Service as a Special Agent after 33 ½ years. During his career, he held many positions within the Forest Service Law Enforcement and Investigations program. He was a Forest Special Agent, Zone Special Agent-in-Charge, Acting Assistant Director for drug enforcement, and his last assignment was as the National HIDTA Program Coordinator. Mr. LaNier's portfolio includes 25 plus years investigating and or managing programs related to illegal marijuana cultivation on public lands. His current position provides oversight and direction to the HIDTA program regarding all marijuana related activities.

RF AUDIO RECOVERY FOR STREET LEVEL OPERATIONS

Scott Dotson – Tactical Technologies Inc.

This course is for Law Enforcement personnel only and specifically designed for those officers, agents, investigators and military operators who are conducting the covert recovery of RF audio transmissions and technical surveillance support activities in conjunction with undercover criminal investigations and operations.

RF Audio Recovery for Street Level Operations is an intense 4 hour course targeted for those officers, mainly Narcotics Investigators, who must deploy and supervise the use of covert RF audio intercept systems and to better the intelligence and narcotics enforcement through education. This course will teach you how to use technical investigative equipment to consistently produce evidence quality audio recordings; how to obtain the maximum performance from your existing equipment; how to maintain RF Operational awareness; how to conduct RF planning and create an RF Operation Order and Overlay. The focus is to sharpen the students RF skills and to instill a renewed desire to use creativity and ingenuity during street level operations. However, the overall goal is to increase "Officer Safety" during RF Audio Recovery at Street Level Operations.

Each student, if coordinated by the host agency or association, can be provided the following handouts at the conclusion of the course for quick reference guide before next operation: "RF Tips and Techniques" and "Frequency Assistance Guidance Reference... How to conduct a Frequency Recon in your AO".

Drug Gang Prosecution Techniques

Ed De Velasco

Florida Department of Law Enforcement

Special Agent Supervisor Ed de Velasco began his law enforcement career with the Los Angeles Police Department in 1980 and is currently in charge of the F.D.L.E. Sarasota Field Office supervising major drugs, major economic crime, public integrity, violent crime, police shootings and in-custody death investigations. He has served as the team leader and tactical instructor for the F.D.L.E. Special Operations Team. SAS de Velasco served as Commander of the Miami-Dade County State Attorney's Office Gang Strike Force from 1998 to 2001.

Agent de Velasco has taught specialized gang investigations courses for the International Association of Police Chiefs, the Metro Dade Police Department Training Bureau and the Florida Gang Investigator's Association. Agent de Velasco also teaches numerous specialized tactical training courses.

Agent de Velasco has been the case agent or supervisor for F.D.L.E. on nine successful Rico cases and numerous conspiracy and CCE cases in the state of Florida. He was awarded the L.A.P.D. Police Star, the F.D.L.E. Award of Distinction, the Silver Star for Bravery by the American Police Hall of Fame, and the Silver Star for Valor by the Miami-Dade Police Department.

Realities of Undercover

GLEN VIRDEN

Glen Virden is currently a Senior Special Agent with the Kansas Bureau of Investigation in the Special Operations Division.

Mr. Virden has been in law enforcement since 2001 when he joined the Kansas Bureau of Investigation (KBI). His primary duties include the investigation of violation of state and federal laws related to narcotics cases and performing undercover duties within this discipline. Mr. Virden has been a member of the High Risk Warrant Team and the Clan Lab Response Team. He is a field training agent, conducting the training of newly hired agents in the areas of undercover and cooperating individuals. His is also program coordinator for Kansas TOP GUN. Prior to his employment with KBI, he was a full-time Firefighter/Emergency Medical Technician with the Arkansas City, Kansas Fire Department from 1991-2001.

Mr. Virden has a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice from Southwestern College and an Associate of Applied Science degree in Criminal Justice from Cowley County Community College in Kansas. Mr. Virden was an honor student at both schools.

Joseph Allen

Street Development 2012

4 hour block Street Development, takes law enforcement officers through the many facets of narcotics, from cultivation or manufacturing, transportation and distribution, paraphernalia and use, to signs and symptoms of influence. Students will participate in numerous hands-on exercises, including manipulating paraphernalia and measuring out common narcotic increments.

Students will learn to recognize aspects of narcotics enabling them to articulate reasonable suspicion. They will understand how to develop probable cause arrests and write proper reports.

Current Drug Trends; synthetic hallucinogens in the phenethylamine family (2C-E & Bromo-dragonfly), synthetic stimulants (Drone, Meow, Bath Salts), synthetic cannabinoids (K2, spice, other alternatives, Salvia, prescription drugs will be discussed, in addition to the traditional narcotics such as methamphetamine, cocaine and heroin.

Joe Allen has been a Police Officer with Glendale Police Department, in Southern California, since 1990. Joe was assigned to the Vice / Narcotic Unit for 9 years. He investigated narcotic arrests of patrol, developed and handled informants, worked in undercover operations selling and purchasing narcotics, wrote arrest warrants, search warrants and the first Opium Wire Tap investigation in California.

Joe Allen has taught narcotic enforcement courses for many law enforcement agencies during his career; including the California Narcotic Officers Association, the Arizona Narcotic Officers Association, Naval Criminal Investigative Service, Department of Justice and Drug Enforcement Administration Narcotic Investigator courses, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Academy, and more.

Joe Allen is a Drug Recognition Expert Instructor and teaches drug recognition / influence at D.R.E. courses throughout California, to school faculty during D.I.T.E.P. (Drug Impairment Training for Education Professionals) courses and drug awareness for many civic groups. Joe is a D.A.R.E. certified officer and has taught at their annual conference. Joe is a founding member of a community drug prevention coalition receiving a federal grant, totaling 625K, over 5 years to develop drug reduction programs, community awareness and prevention.

**Pacific Coast K-9
Detection K-9, training and practicals
About Ken Pavlick**

Ken Pavlick, the head trainer of Pacific Coast Canine, has over 23 years experience handling, training, and supervising patrol dogs, explosive detector dogs, and narcotic detector dogs. Ken began his working dog career in the United States Air Force in 1982, where he was a patrol dog handler, explosive detector dog handler, and a narcotic detector dog handler. He eventually advanced to positions as a patrol dog trainer, detector dog trainer and finally, supervisor of a detector dog section. Ken left the Air Force in 1986, when he became a deputy sheriff for the Riverside County Sheriff's Department in Indio, California. Initially a patrol deputy, Ken was selected to a K9 handler position in 1989, handling a cross-trained patrol/narcotic detection dog. Ken worked as a K9 handler with Riverside County until 1994. While with the Riverside County Sheriff's Department, Ken was one of the first K9 handlers selected to work with Riverside County's Emergency Services Team (SWAT). During this time, he also instructed patrol dog and detection dog handler classes at one of the largest private police dog training schools in the United States. In 1994, Ken moved to Idaho to begin working for the Canyon County Sheriff's Department. When he started work there, the Sheriff's department had no K9 program. Ken was tasked with starting a K9 program, which continually grew until, in 2003 when Ken left law enforcement, the Canyon County Sheriff's Department K9 unit had grown to 15 teams. During his 9 years in Idaho, Ken trained numerous dogs and handlers for departments throughout Idaho and the intermountain west. He was also instrumental in creating the Idaho state certification standards for police K9's. Ken continued to gain more knowledge and experience by training with, and being trained by, the most knowledgeable people in the police K9 field. This led to Ken becoming both nationally and internationally recognized as a police K9 trainer and judge. In 2003, Ken left law enforcement to move to the Pacific Northwest, where he started Pacific Coast Canine, providing dogs and training for patrol and detector dogs for both law enforcement and private entities.

"Ten Things I've always wanted to ask an Addict"

**Mike Howard
*District 4 Volunteer Leader for Idaho Meth Project***

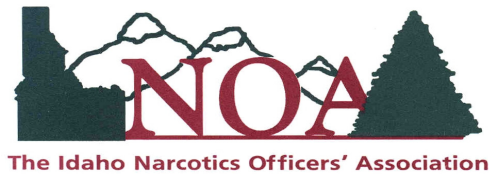
"I spent 18 years of my life addicted to meth, and other various drugs, and alcohol. This lifestyle led a destructive path, which ended in horrible consequences. After solitary confinement and prison time I decided to make a change. I have now taken the past 5 years of my life, and I am trying to turn all of those negative years and turn them into positive energy. In doing this I am trying to educate others about the horrible effects of drugs, alcohol, and violence, and where they will most likely lead. In addition to volunteering my time, I also attend college as a full time student, work full time, maintain my health with weight lifting and cardiovascular activity, and maintain a healthy relationship with my amazing wife. I have found that life is challenging and full of hardships; however, these challenges are far better than the previous life of destruction which I once chose. I am striving for a better future, which is a challenge due to my past, but am aiming for success with the support of sobriety and education."

**Cyn Reneau
*Volunteer Coordinator for the Idaho Meth Project***

"I am a third generation Idahoan. I worked in law enforcement for twelve years - in Minidoka County and with Dept of Law Enforcement at the ILETs Control Center. I went to work in the private sector in telecommunications in 1992, working my way up to an executive position. In 2005 I tried meth for the first time. My addiction lasted 100 days...until my arrest by the BANDIT Task Force for Trafficking. I was also charged by the ATF-E on a firearms offense, and plead guilty to all charges in 2006. I was recommended by the Director of the Dept of Corrections as a possible candidate for Volunteer Leader when the Idaho Meth Project was formed in 2008. I recruited, trained, and oversaw volunteers in the Treasure Valley through 2011. In January of 2012 I become an employee I M P; I am responsible for volunteer activities throughout Idaho. I have shared my story to literally thousands of teens, hopefully providing them with the education that was not available to my generation. I work to overcome the belief that addiction only happens to poor/disadvantaged people, as well as the stereotype 'once an addict, always an addict'."

If you have any questions, feel free to call me at 208-317-7940

Thank you,
Mike Dickson, President – Idaho Narcotics Officers' Association
Deputy, Bonneville County Sheriff's Office



2012 Conference & Training



For all Narcotics Officers, Detectives, Patrol Officers, Probation Officers,
Prosecutors and others interested in fighting the war against drugs in Idaho.
Owyhee Plaza Hotel – Boise Idaho

Personal Information

 (Please type or print – One form per person registering)

Name _____
Agency _____
Address _____
Phone _____
E-Mail _____

Payment Information

Return by June 1, 2012 to:

Registration:
Postmarked Prior to June 1 \$200.00
Registration (after June 1) \$225.00

Idaho Narcotics Officers' Association
P.O. Box 686
Rigby, Idaho 83442-0686

☐ Check / Money Order Enclosed for: \$ _____
☐ Will pay @ door \$ 225.00

Registration begins at 8:00 AM on Tuesday, June 19, 2012

Accommodations

Make your reservations prior to June 1st

Room Rates:

Single Occupancy \$82.00

Double Occupancy \$82.00

Owyhee Plaza Hotel

1109 Main Street, Boise, Idaho 83702

Phone: 208-343-4611 or 1-800-233-4611

www.owyheeplaza.com

Don't forget

Idaho Narcotics Officer of the year nominations.
Nominations should include a description of why the
officer deserves the award. Please type these
nominations and return them to Mike Dickson, President.
Nominations are due June 1, 2012.

For more information

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